Letters/representation from members of Parliament

2838. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters/representations/memoranda received by him from Members of Parliament during the last six months;

(b) what is the number of cases in which acknowledgements were sent within fifteen days together with the number of cases in which final replies have not been sent so far;

(c) what are the reasons for not sending acknowledgements within fifteen days and, final replies within three months; and

(d) what is the number of officers found guilty for delay or non dispatch of acknowledgements and final replies and for misleading the members of Parliament together with the details of action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

New passenger coaches in South Central Railways

2839. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the indent of South Central Railways for new passenger Coaches in 1992-93; and

(b) the number of new passenger coaches supplied in 1992-93 to South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 308 coaches.

(b) 241 coaches.

Doubling line of Guntakal-Renigunta Section

2840. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the "Doubling" of Guntakal-Renigunta section in S.C.R. started;

(b) how many kilometers were double lined;

(c) for how many kilometres doubling is yet to be done;

(d) what are the reasons for this unusual delay in completing this work; and

(e) when this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Doubling of certain patches on Guntakal-Renigunta section was started about 20 years ago.

(b) 93 kms.

(c) 237 kms.

(d) and (e) Doubling is taken up on single line section when the carrying capacity is saturated and is usually taken up in patches as per operational requirements. Accordingly, the patches on which doubling was justified on this section have since been doubled. Doubling of rest of the section will be considered as and when operationally required, subject to availability of resources.

Extending the Bangalore -Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express

2841. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the new Train Rajdhani Express from Bangalore to Nizamuddin upto New Delhi Railway Station; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Non-availability of spare terminal/ maintenance fiacilities at New Delhi Railway station.

Deal of ABB

2842. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deal between Asea Brown Boveri and the Indian Railways for the purchase of State-of-the art locomotives has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF)- (a) The matter is under consideration of the Government in the light of the report subhitted by Railway Convention Committee in November, 1992.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for laying of new railway lines in Gujarat

2843. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have sent any proposals to the Central Government for laying of new railway lines in that state;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) what are the details of other railway lines being laid in that state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Gujarat have demanded construction of the following new railway lines.

(1) Kapadvanj-Modasa

(2) Godhra-Lahod-Indore

(3) Vadodara-Indore- via Chhota Udepur

(4) Bhavnagar-Tarapur

(5) Bhachau-Khavda

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The new lines included in the Railway Budget are:

(i) Kapadvanj-Modasa (60.5 kms)

(ii) Godhara-Indore and Dewas-Maksi (316 kms—81kms in Gujarat)

Other proposals could not be considered on account of their unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.

Allotment of Stalls at Stations in Western and Northern Railway

2844. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of stalls allotted at various stations in the country particularly in Western and Norhern Railway during the last six months;

(b) the names and owners of the stall holders whom they allotted what are the alongwith Station-wise allotments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Innumber of applications received by Governmen for seeking allotment of Railway stalls;

(c) what is the criteria of allotment of Railway stalls to the General public, whether there is any special scheme for Ex-servicemen, SC/ST and widows; and

(d) what is the number of stalls allotformation is being collected and will be ted upto the end of 1992 in each State Railway stations for particular items laid on the Table of the Sabha.